

REPORT OF LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES

Except for the usual broken limbs and a couple of fallen trees over the trails, the park came through the 2005-2006 winter relatively unscathed. There was no winter damage to the picnic area, stonewall, the wooden benches along the trails, or to the signage. The spring cleanup included a thorough raking up of the picnic area and removal of a few small trees that had fallen along Route 11 embankment.

We once again purchased seedlings from the Belknap County Conservation District that were randomly planted throughout the park to encourage birds and small wildlife. We selected three varieties this year that we have previously not used; namely, witch-hazel, mulberry red, and black haw viburnum.

The garden in front of the memorial tablet was planted and attended to by Claire Fitzgerald and flourished throughout the summer.

In August the park was subject to a feature story, which appeared in both *The Baysider* and *Granite State News* newspapers. The well-written article by staff writer Adam Drapcho began with the catchy headline "Take Your Chevy to the Levey, then Take a Walk Around". Drapcho then recounted the history of how the efforts of some local conservation-minded people in the 1920's raised money to purchase the land with its beautiful stand of Norway Pines, and thus "save it from the logger's axe". It was subsequently gifted to the town to be held in perpetuity as a public park.

By the end of the season, it was evident from the well-beaten paths that the park had seen increased usage this year, suggesting that both residents and visitors alike are becoming more aware of its presence.

Levey Park is open to the public from sunrise to sunset for picnicking, hiking, X-C skiing, and snowshoeing. No motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted, nor are open fires. Municipal well water is available during warm weather months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard N. Jones, Chairman
Kenneth Gilbert, Secretary
Claire Fitzgerald, Trustee

